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SUBJECT: COTTON CONTRACT PROBLEM

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(B) STATE 19955

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MANILA FOR EDMOND

1. WE ARE EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED AT THE PROSPECT OF A FURTHER (TEN DAY MINIMUM) DELAY IN RECEIPT OF DETAILS OF THE GROC PROPOSAL TO RESOLVE THE COTTON CONTRACT PROBLEM AND OF THE FORMAL GROC REQUEST FOR CCC CREDIT.

2. QUICK ACTION IS NECESSARY TO FORESTALL THE GROWING PRESSURE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF OTHER PUNITIVE OPTIONS. OUR DESIRE TO ACT QUICKLY IS ALSO MOTIVATED BY THE CON-
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SIDERATIONS OUTLINED REFTEL B, NAMELY THAT WE ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR RESOLUTION OF THE ROC CONTRACT PROBLEM AND HOPE THAT THE SOLUTION AGREED UPON MAY SERVE AS A MODEL TO BE FOLLOWED IN OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE THE PROBLEM IS OF GREATER MAGNITUDE AND/OR THE HOST GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE LESS FORTHCOMING.

3. WE NOTE BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE DIRECTOR Y.T. WANG'S PROMISE TO PROVIDE THE EMBASSY WITH INFORMATION ON THE GROUPOC PROPOSAL AND CCC CREDIT REQUEST UPON APPROVAL BY CCK (REFTEL A). IN VIEW OF OUR DESIRE TO SEEK INTER-AGENCY APPROVAL FOR THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN FOR THE ROC BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK, RATHER THAN AWAIT THE RESOLUTION OF QUOTE MINOR TECHNICAL DETAILS UNQUOTE (REFTEL C) AND SUBSEQUENT TRANSMISSION VIA THE ROC EMBASSY, WE REQUEST THAT YOU AGAIN APPROACH THE GROUPOC FOR DETAILS OF ITS PROPOSAL AND CONFIRMATION OF THE AMOUNT OF CCC CREDIT IT IS ASKING THE USG TO PROVIDE. PLEASE REPLY BY PRIORITY CABLE. KISSINGER

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